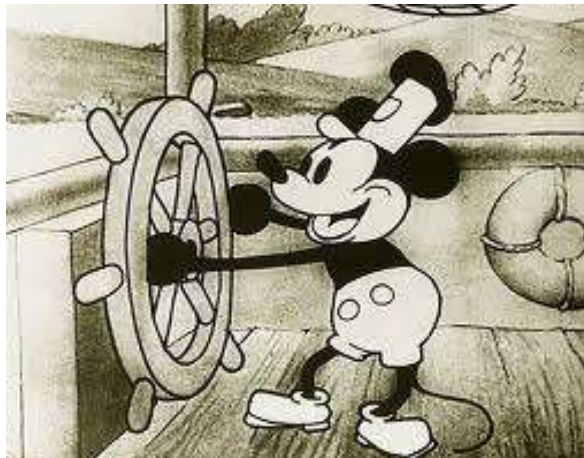


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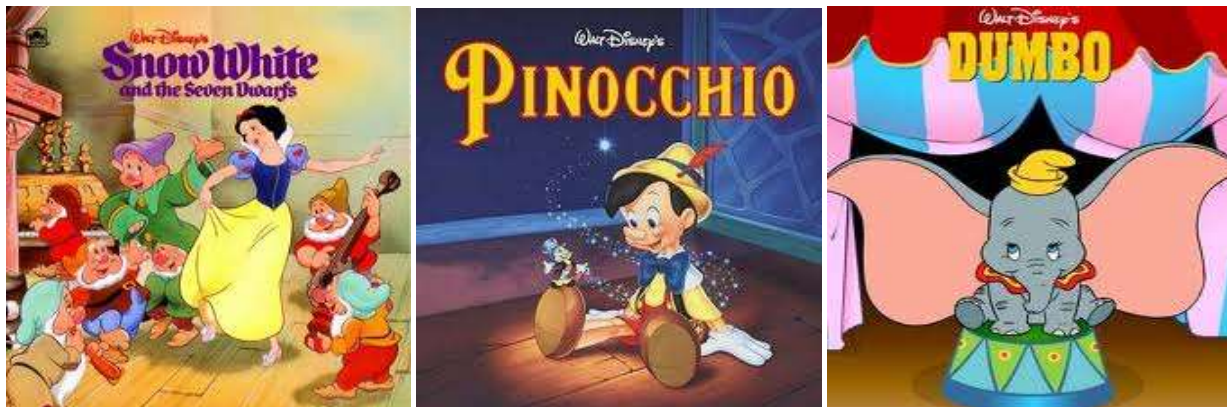
Walt Disney is one of America's biggest success stories. The son of working-class parents, he began his media empire with little more than his imagination and determination. Today, it is largest media conglomerate in the world, with divisions focused on films, television, music, theater, radio, publishing and online media. More importantly (to us), thanks to all of that entertainment output over the past 85+ years, there is also a smorgasbord of trivia available for the Disney aficionado. Here are 130 of those questions.



## WALT DISNEY

- 1) Walt was born in 1901 in Chicago. As a young man (before he began his career as an animator), he held what job, which was also held by such contemporaries as e.e. cummings and Ernest Hemingway?
- 2) Walt began his animation career not in Los Angeles, but in what Midwestern city?
- 3) While in that city, Walt sold his first cartoons to local movie promoter Frank Newman. What was the collective name of these productions?
- 4) After this venture failed, Disney moved to California and started over. What character was the subject of many early Disney shorts? Disney was later to make an animated feature that starred this character as well.
- 5) After moving to California, he established the Disney Brothers Studio. What was the name of his brother, who cofounded the company and served at various times as President/CEO/Chairman of the Board for the company?
- 6) What funny animal character was Walt's first successful creation?
- 7) Due to his lack of business acumen at the time, he lost control of this character for many years. Years after his death, this character was reacquired by the Walt Disney Company in exchange for what?
- 8) After losing control of his first creation, Walt was much more careful with his next creation, Mickey Mouse. There were a couple of silent shorts created featuring Mickey, but they were not released until after his first sound short. What was name of this first sound cartoon?
- 9) Before Disney developed its own distribution system, three major Hollywood studios distributed Disney short films at various times. Name them.

- 10) One of Disney's most popular early cartoons was "The Three Little Pigs". What acclaimed song from that cartoon became a popular anthem of hope during the Depression?
- 11) Walt himself supposedly invented the names of the Seven Dwarfs used in the movie "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". What were the dwarfs' names in the original Brothers Grimm fairy tale?
- 12) Some of the writers on the film objected to the name "Dopey" for one of the dwarfs, considering it too modern for a fairy tale. How did Walt deflect these criticisms?
- 13) In the film "Fantasia", Walt insisted that his flagship character, Mickey Mouse, serve as the Sorcerer's Apprentice. What other Disney character was first considered to fill the role?
- 14) What line from "Bambi" was used as code by Disney employees to let others know that Walt was coming down the hallway?
- 15) What university has licensed a Disney character for use as a sports mascot? What character is it?
- 16) When Walt Disney died in 1965, he left behind a mysterious note. Apparently, he wanted to write down his last thoughts ... what two words were on the note?



## THE CLASSIC MOVIES (1937-1942)

- 17) Walt's first full-length animated film was, of course, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". First, the obvious question: name the seven dwarfs, as named in the film.
- 18) "Snow White" was a revolutionary idea at the time, and it was dubbed "Disney's Folly" while in production. Nevertheless, it was wildly successful upon its release, and was in fact the highest grossing film of all time until eclipsed by what film?
- 19) The film made a lot of money, both for Disney and for the theaters that screened it. However, New York's Radio City Music Hall had an unexpected cost related to the film. What was it?
- 20) "Pinocchio" was the next Disney full-length animated feature to be released, in 1940. In "Pinocchio", what are the names of Geppetto's fish and cat? How about the giant whale that swallows Geppetto when he is trying to find Pinocchio?
- 21) What is the name of the place where the Coachman takes Pinocchio, where boys who engage in bad behavior are turned into jackasses?

- 22) This film features the only voice work Mel Blanc ever did for Disney (not counting voicing the Warner Brothers characters for "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" for Touchstone Pictures many years later). In fact, most of his voice work done for this picture was eventually cut; no dialogue was left, only a sound effect. What sound effect was that, and for what character?
- 23) The next feature was "Fantasia", which was a much more ambitious project, marrying classical music and animation. What world-famous conductor offered to conduct the orchestra in the movie at no charge (an offer which Disney accepted)?
- 24) In the "Sorcerer's Apprentice" sequence, what is the wizard's name, (according to Disney's animators, as well as later appearances of the character ... there was no name mentioned on screen in this film)? What is the significance of that name?
- 25) For the "Night on Bald Mountain/Ave Maria" sequence, what famous actor was brought in to do menacing poses for the animators working on the demon Chernabog? Despite this, his poses were not used, as the animators used one of their co-workers instead.
- 26) In the "Dance of the Hours" sequence, what four types of animals represent Morning, Afternoon, Evening and Night?
- 27) Besides those named, what four other pieces of classical music were used to frame the main sequences?
- 28) "Fantasia" was a major flop at the time of release, due to the very high cost of creating it. For years, it was the only Disney film that would have theaters decline to show it on rerelease. However, that all changed with the 1969 rerelease. Why?
- 29) Next up was "Dumbo", released in late 1941. The main character's real name is not Dumbo ... was is it?
- 30) What is the name of Dumbo's mouse friend?
- 31) At first, Dumbo only believes he can fly due to the magical effects of what object?
- 32) Dumbo is unique amongst all of Disney's animated title characters in what respect?
- 33) "Dumbo" is prominently featured as the favorite film of General Stilwell in what later film comedy?
- 34) Finally, after a long delay, "Bambi" came out in 1942. It was the last Disney animated feature to deal with a single subject until "Cinderella" nearly 10 years later (both due to WWII and the financial situation of the studio). What are the names of the animal friends of Bambi (rabbit, skunk and the young female deer that becomes Bambi's mate)?
- 35) The hunter who kills Bambi's mother is never shown on screen ... why did Disney make the decision not to show that character?
- 36) Bambi had its world premiere in New York City in July of 1942, but it originally was planned to have its premiere in a small town in what state? Why was it supposed to be there, and why was it changed?
- 37) After the film, Bambi was used as a spokescharacter in an advertising campaign. However, the character was only licensed from Disney for one year, so after the year was up, another spokescharacter had to be created. What famous spokescharacter replaced Bambi?



## DISNEY ANIMAL CHARACTERS

Please identify the following Disney animal characters. All have appeared in Disney animated features.

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## DISNEY THEME PARKS

- 68) Disneyland was the first Disney theme park to open, in 1955. When Disneyland opened, there were 5 areas within the park with different themes and designs. Name the original five areas.
- 69) Since then, there have been 4 more areas added (one of these is now closed). Name them.
- 70) The centerpiece castle of Disneyland is said to belong to what Disney character?
- 71) When Nikita Khrushchev visited the US in 1959, he had two requests ... one was to visit Disneyland. What was the other?
- 72) What is the name of the ride featuring hundreds of singing animatronic dolls dressed as children from all nations of the world?
- 73) Astronaut Sally Ride described her Space Shuttle mission using what Disneyland terminology?
- 74) Walt Disney World opened in Florida in 1971. While comprising 4 distinct parks, Magic Kingdom is the main part of WDW. What Disney character's castle is the centerpiece of Magic Kingdom?
- 75) When the land for WDW was purchased, much of it was done surreptitiously using dummy corporations to prevent land speculation running up the price. However, a university held mineral rights to the land, forcing Disney to purchase these as well. What New England Small College Athletic Conference school sold the rights to Disney for \$15,000? No, it's not Williams.
- 76) EPCOT Center opened in 1982. The finished product is not quite what Walt's original vision called for, as indicated by the meaning of the EPCOT acronym. What does EPCOT stand for?
- 77) WDW is self-described as what? What is the similar nickname for Disneyland?
- 78) Besides these two parks, Disney operates Disney theme parks in what 4 cities outside the US?
- 79) The most famous ad campaign relating to Disney theme parks is "What's Next?" in which a winner of some high-profile contest or sporting event is asked "What's next?", with the reply of "I'm going to Disneyland/Disney World!". Who was the first winner to appear in this ad campaign?





## DISNEY IN OTHER MEDIA

Disney has a long history with media outside of film, including television, music and comic books.

80) Disney's first foray into the medium of television was called "Disneyland", and was made to promote the upcoming theme park. The series sometimes featured edited Disney films, and sometimes original programming. What 1950's fad was spawned by episodes of "Disneyland"?

81) "Disneyland" was eventually renamed to "Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color" when it changed networks to NBC in 1961. In the inaugural episode on NBC, what animated character explained the principles of color television? What was unique about that character?

82) Another 1950's phenomenon was "The Mickey Mouse Club" and its Mouseketeers, the most famous of whom was Annette Funicello. While still working for Disney, she was (reportedly reluctantly) turned into a pop singer, and recorded multiple Top 40 hits. One that did not crack the charts was "It's Really Love" in 1959. The song's writer eventually reworked the tune and it became world famous as what other song?

83) After leaving Disney, she costarred in a series of films with what actor?

84) What is the name of the serial within the show that centered on the adventures of two boys at the Triple R Ranch?

In the 1980's, Disney finally got into the lucrative syndicated animation field with "DuckTales". Identify the following characters from the show.

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Besides “DuckTales”, there were several other Disney cartoons in the late 80’s/early 90’s that were combined into the “Disney Afternoon”. Which cartoon series featured the following Disney characters?

97) Goofy

98) Chip ‘n Dale

99) Baloo the Bear

In 1983, Disney created The Disney Channel as a cable/satellite channel dedicated to Disney programming, both old and new.

- 100) What was the first program to be shown on the Disney Channel?
- 101) In 1988, a show called "Good Morning, Miss Bliss" began on the Disney Channel, but it flopped and was canceled after 13 episodes. However, it was slightly changed and sold to NBC, where it became a major hit. What was the show?
- 102) What early Disney Channel program featured future stars Jennifer Love Hewitt and Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas?
- 103) "The All-New Mickey Mouse Club" is well-remembered for launching the careers of Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears. What other cast member later went on to be nominated for an acting Academy Award?
- 104) A movie in what Disney Channel original movie series was the highest rated scripted cable telecast ever?

Given a description of the Disney Channel original series, name the series.

- 105) Three magic-using adolescents and their mom and dad run a sub shop in New York City.
- 106) Twin boys and their mother live in a 5 star Boston hotel.
- 107) The same boys, now a bit older and going to high school aboard a cruise ship.
- 108) The story of a teenage girl, who has an animated alter ego that shows her true feelings.
- 109) The story of a teenage girl who has psychic powers that get her into and out of trouble.
- 110) A pair of friends becomes backup dancers on a popular Chicago dance show.
- 111) The story of three friends who live a pet shop aquarium.
- 112) Two step-brothers built impossible contraptions and drive their sister insane.

Disney Comics

- 113) Comics dedicated to Disney's animated characters have appeared since near the beginnings of the company. What publishing company produced all of Disney's comics up until the early 1980's (and initially had part ownership of Disneyland)?
- 114) This company had several different imprints that it would release comics under ... name any of the three which were placed on Disney comics at various times.
- 115) For many years, the only credit on the comics was "Walt Disney", even though the comics were written and drawn by others. What former Disney animator was called "The Good Artist" by fans that recognized his distinctive style versus other writers and artists?
- 116) The Good Artist created many characters who later appeared in television and movies. Which of the following characters did he NOT create? Uncle Scrooge, Huey Dewey & Louie, Gladstone Gander, Gyro Gearloose, or the Beagle Boys?



## DISNEY QUOTES

Please match the quotation to the speaker and also to the Disney film.

- 117)        Alright, keep the little beasts for all I care! Do what you want with them! Drown them! But I warn you, Anita, we're through! I'm through with all of you! I'll get even! Just wait! You'll be sorry, you fools! You... YOU IDIOTS!
- 118)        What are conscience!? I'll tell ya! A conscience is that still small voice that people won't listen to. That's just the trouble with the world today...
- 119)        You poor, simple fools. Thinking you could defeat me. \*Me\*, the Mistress of All Evil!
- 120)        What do you want me to do, dress in drag and do the hula?
- 121)        Angel, ha! She's a female! And all females is poison! They're full of wicked wiles!
- 122)        This is yet another example of the late neoclassic Baroque period. And, as I always say, "If it's not Baroque, don't fix it!"
- 123)        If you can't say something nice... don't say nothing at all.
- 124)        This ain't no place for a respectable pirate.
- 125)        You're speechless, I see. A fine quality in a wife.
- 126)        Rule 42: All persons more than a mile high must leave the court immediately.
- 127)        Just because I look like a man doesn't mean I have to smell like one.
- 128)        Quiet, gentlemen. The Reverend Rodent is gonna ad-dress you.
- 129)        Nutsy, how am I supposed to sleep with you yelling "all's well" all the time?
- 130)        You sure this is the right blind voodoo lady who lives in the boat in the tree in the bayou?



## DISNEY LIVE ACTION FILMS

Of course, there's a lot more to Disney than merely animation. Here are a few questions about Disney's non-animated (or partially animated) features.

Given the plot below, identify the film.

- 131) After eating some rotten applesauce and being exposed to radiation, a duck gains the ability to lay golden eggs whenever she hears a dog bark.
- 132) The story of a young silversmith who, after losing his ability to practice his trade after an accident, joins the Sons of Liberty and fights in the American Revolution.
- 133) Loosely based on the story of the Jamaican Bobsled Team and their quest for gold (?) at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.
- 134) A member of a traveling band settles down in a country town with the ambition of becoming a lawyer. However, after becoming the local scoutmaster, he abandons that dream, finding fulfillment in working with the youth of the town.
- 135) A group of soldiers in Vietnam violate orders in an effort to deliver an elephant to a friendly village.
- 136) The story of a Triple Crown winning racehorse and the woman who owns him.
- 137) The turn-of-the-century musical story of two brothers and their newspaper-selling business, and their efforts to organize all of the paper sellers to strike against Joseph Pulitzer.
- 138) In Ireland, a caretaker of a country manor spends most of his time in the pub, and the rest of it chasing leprechauns. When he is replaced as the caretaker, he is kidnapped by the King of the Leprechauns, but he tricks the King into giving him three wishes.
- 139) Rumors of a sea monster attacking ships actually turn out to be an anachronistically advanced submarine, captained by a mysterious captain who was formerly held at the island penal colony of Rura Penthe.
- 140) Twin sons separated at birth (one a missionary and one a gunslinger) square off in a challenge involving operating train engines, crossing a gorge using a rope, climbing a mountain, and driving a wagon, with the winner to inherit their father's fortune.

- 141) A college bound girl is accepted to Georgetown, but her overprotective father will not let her go so easily. He tries to trick her into going to Northwestern instead, but after she sees through the deception, they make a visit to Georgetown.
- 142) Two bumbling track coaches discover a Tarzan-like wild man in Africa and bring him back to America so that their school can finally win a championship.
- 143) A street kid is recruited by a con man in an effort to steal the treasure from a country manor, by posing as the granddaughter of the lady of the house. However, she discovers that the old lady is not rich as she appears, but instead is quite poor. She thwarts the con man and helps the old lady and her butler find the treasure.
- 144) After being convicted of DUI, a defense attorney is sentenced to community service, as coach of a peewee hockey team.
- 145) Two twins, separated when their parents divorced, switch places in order to meet their other parent. Later, the twins and their mother scheme to prevent their father from remarrying.

Some other questions about Disney live action films:

- 146) The popular idea that lemmings unthinkingly follow each other off cliffs to kill themselves is an urban legend, despite its having been depicted in the 1958 Disney live action film *White Wilderness*. How did the movie directors get the footage? Despite this inaccuracy, what award did *White Wilderness* win?
- 147) Actor James Baskett, who portrayed Uncle Remus in *Song of the South*, was not able to attend the world premiere of that film. Why not?
- 148) In “*The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes*”, (undoubtedly the greatest performance of Kurt Russell’s career), what is the key word that causes Dexter to spout details the gangster’s gambling ring?
- 149) In both that film and the previous Disney films “*The Absent-Minded Professor*” and “*Son of Flubber*”, what is the name of the college where most of the events take place?
- 150) Well, we can’t do a Disney quiz without a *Mary Poppins* questions, now can we? OK ... what song from the film was supposedly Walt Disney’s favorite song composed by the Sherman Brothers? Whenever he visited them, if he said “Play it”, they knew he meant this song.